

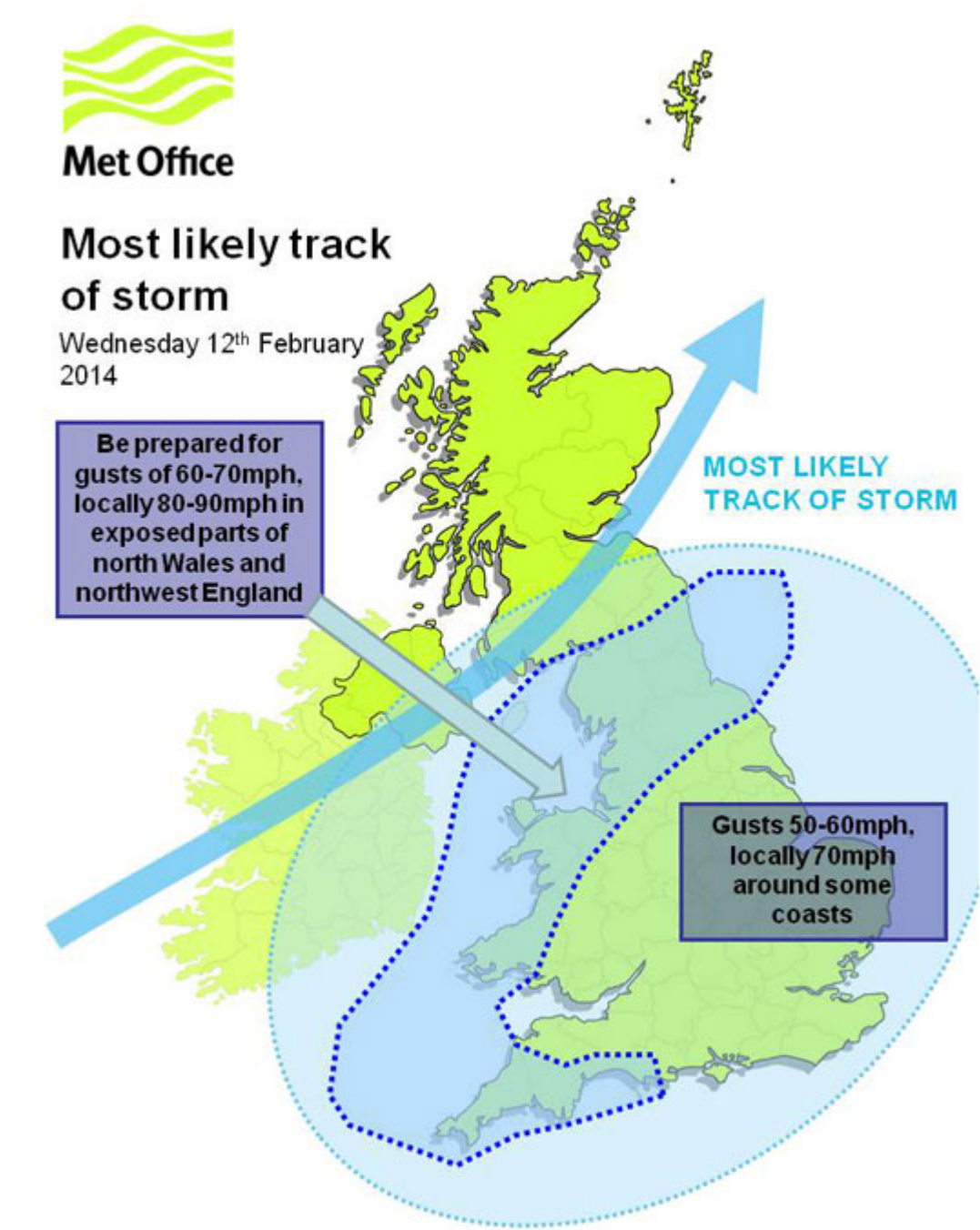


11 February 2014 - Met Office forecasters are warning that further very wet and windy weather this week could bring disruption to parts of the UK.

Wednesday will see a vigorous low pressure system move in from the west, bringing a band of rain and gales across the country.

Around 10-20 mm of rain is possible fairly widely with 20-30 mm possible in parts of Wales and South West England.

The strongest winds are expected during the afternoon and evening across Wales and northern England. Gusts of 70-80 mph and perhaps as high as 90 mph are possible around exposed western areas, with 50-60 mph generally across inland and southern areas.



Most likely track of storm

These potentially damaging winds could bring down trees and cause disruption to travel and power networks.

In addition, large waves could cause problems around coastal areas.

Thursday will see generally less windy weather, with some scattered squally showers which could be wintry at times.

Friday will start dry for many areas, however another band of rain is set to push in during the day. This could bring 15-25 mm of rain, with the possibility of 40-60 mm over high ground in the South West of England. This could fall as snow over high ground in the north of the UK, particularly overnight into Saturday.

The Met Office has issued several **National Severe Weather Warnings** for the next few days due to the possibility of flooding and damaging winds. The public are advised to stay up to date with these warnings and the latest details from our **forecast** during this time of particularly unsettled weather.

Martin Young, Met Office Chief Meteorologist, said: "With more rain on the way and very strong winds, it's likely we will see more impacts over the next few days.

"The winds through Wednesday could see trees brought down, which could cause disruption to transport and power networks. Gusts will be strongest in western and northern parts of England and Wales during the afternoon and evening.

"Further rain both on Wednesday and Friday could also lead to further flooding."